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Province backing some charities over others: Non-profit

► Osborne House is suffering from donor fatigue, and competing with other non-profits has been difficult, its CEO says



Premier Greg Selinger's appearance on Thursday at the United Way Koats for Kids press conference has left a bad taste in the mouth of one non-profit in the city.

"I got a copy of the news release and I nearly fell out of my chair," said Barbara Judt, chief executive officer of Osborne House, a shelter for abused women and their children. "The premier is probably going to hear from a few non-profits."

Judt said Selinger should support all programs in the city and not just a chosen few.

"I was surprised that the government promoted a certain program, so we've asked them to support us, too," she said.

She sent the premier an email asking, "Does this mean we can get government to promote through a news release the needs of Osborne House Inc. as well? ... We weren't aware not for profit groups could benefit from this kind of PR. This is fabulous news. Looking forward to your response."

Selinger replied that the United Way supports many agencies and the province only provides administrative expenses, which in turn are used to fund other agencies.

"We're not picking favourites," Selinger said. "We're supporting the work of the United Way and the Koats for Kids program, which is for everybody."

Selinger said the province has given \$1.6 million in funding to Osborne House with a one per cent increase since November. It

Under shelter

- Osborne House has 31 women and 16 children in care.
- It is also looking to relocate; staff say the current location is unsuitable for the work they do.
- The shelter needs coats, mitts, boots, underwear, shampoo, tampons, pads, diaper cream, shampoo and first-aid supplies.
- It has been in existence for 39 years and needs \$200,000 a year to continue operating.

will also conduct a review of all women's shelters in November 2012 to see if there are any deficiencies that need to be addressed.

Selinger said organizations that want to have him come out to show support should call. "They should invite me. I've been out to dozens of organizations."



► Barbara Judt, chief executive officer of Osborne House, accuses Premier Greg Selinger of singling out favoured charities at the expense of others, including the women's shelter she oversees.



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Koats needed for Kids

Premier Greg Selinger and the United Way of Winnipeg asked Manitobans on Thursday to donate their gently used winter wear.

"The need is urgent this year and I know we will pull together to make sure that every child who needs a winter coat will have one," said Selinger.

"I understand that with

the cold weather coming there are not enough coats," said Elizabeth Marr, of the United Way of Winnipeg.

United Way noted that this year Koats for Kids was 250 orders behind last year. That amount equals 1,000 kids who may not receive coats. Last year, the organization gave out 5,000 coats, but the need

this year is especially urgent because of last spring's flooding.

The organization needs \$2.4 million by the end of the year to maintain programs and resources. Donations can be dropped off at the legislature open house on Dec. 10 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., and at any Perth's location.

● SVJETLANA MLINAREVIC

► Premier Greg Selinger appeals to Manitobans for warm winter wear for the Koats for Kids program.



Historic fire hall could be a hostel

► Goal is to have youth hostel up and running by the time the Human Rights museum opens



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City councillors have given the go-ahead to a feasibility study to build a youth hostel at a historic fire hall in St. Boniface.

According to Norm Gousseau, executive director of Entreprises Riel, the agency has been working on the idea since 2003. A number of youth groups in the area have been looking for places to hold activities, so when the city asked for interest in development of the hall in 2010, Entreprises Riel submitted a proposal.

"As an economic-development agency for the area, our role is to undertake and initiate programs of that nature," said Gousseau.

"This will create new

Entreprises Riel plans to keep the fire hall — a city heritage building located at 212 Dumoulin Rd. — as a common area with a games room, while sleeping quarters will be built in a modern complex next door.

Planning began in October, but the number of beds, square footage of the new building, traffic and costs are yet to be determined. It's also not known who will pay for the development.

The organization has plans to go to council with the results of its study in March 2012.

"The Human Rights Museum is a major traffic generator," said Gousseau.

The museum's opening is expected to have about 250,000 visitors a year, 75,000 of which are expected from out of province. The museum estimates 20,000 youth will pass through its doors yearly.



► Norm Gousseau hopes youth coming to see the new Canadian Museum for Human Rights will stay at the proposed youth hostel.

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Graham James could see no jail time: Prof

► Victim Theo Fleury would like to see a sentence of 27 years — the length of time it took him to come forward ► James has pleaded guilty

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► Artist sketch of the Graham James hearing on Wednesday. Clockwise from left: Crown Attorney Colleen McDuff, Judge Mary Kate Harvie, Graham James, Attorney Evan Roitenberg and a courtroom reporter.

A law professor says former junior hockey coach Graham James could avoid more prison time despite pleading guilty to new sex charges.

Anne McGillivray from the University of Manitoba says it's possible James could get a conditional sentence to be served in the community.

James pleaded guilty Wednesday to repeated sexual assaults on former NHL star Theoren Fleury and another junior player who cannot be identified.

The charges date from a period between 1983 and 1994 — roughly the same time during which James assaulted three other players, offences for which he has previously served time.

McGillivray says a defence lawyer could argue James hasn't been convicted of any crimes since that period in the '80s and '90s.

Crown attorney Colleen McDuff has said she will be seeking penitentiary time, but McGillivray says that's not a given.

"What the judge could

"It's a totally different set of crimes with a different set of victims." ROZ PROBER, HEAD OF BEYOND BORDERS

do is consider the time that has passed since that period in the accused's life and say, 'Well, look, we've had 20 years ... where we've had no similar conduct, so we're not looking at specific deterrence and we're not looking at rehabilitation, because that's all done.'

"A lighter sentence could include no jail time. It could include a conditional sentence."

Roz Prober, head of Beyond Borders, a group that battles child exploitation, said James should not get a break because of his earlier convictions. "It's ludicrous ... to assume that because crimes that happened to different victims ... and some victims took longer to heal and come forward, that this should be seen as the same crime," Prober said. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Fire on Logan destroys trucks



► Semi-trucks and a van were destroyed in the blaze.

A fire Wednesday evening at a metal-recycling plant caused \$200,000 in damage.

The fire, in the 2200 block of Logan Avenue, broke out around 6:30 p.m. Fire crews arrived to find three semi-trailer trucks and a van ablaze.

There were no injuries

in the fire. The cause of the fire is still under investigation.

This is the second fire for Logan Avenue this week — on Monday night crews were kept busy at a fire at Logan Radiators. Damage in that fire was \$500,000.

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Arrest made after robberies

Winnipeg police have nabbed a 26-year-old man after two downtown businesses were robbed Thursday.

The first robbery happened before 3 a.m. when a suspect armed with a knife approached the 32-year-old clerk at a convenience store in the 600 block of Ellice Avenue. The robber got away with cash and fled.

The second robbery happened just 20 minutes later when a man armed with a knife demanded money from a 42-year-old restaurant employee on Maryland Street a few blocks away.

The man made off with the contents of a cash drawer and ran away.

Police officers spotted the suspect in a yard on Sara Avenue. They chased him down and took him into custody.

The man faces two counts of robbery with a weapon and disguise with intent.

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Wheat board pleads with senators

Directors of the Canadian Wheat Board are pleading with senators to stop Harper government legislation that would end the marketing agency's monopoly on Prairie grain sales.

They are asking the Senate agriculture committee to freeze the legislation, which the government wants to become law before Christmas. A Federal Court judge in Winnipeg ruled this week that the bill broke existing law which requires a plebiscite before any change to the monopoly. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Premier invites public to open house

Premier Selinger is inviting all Manitobans to the Legislative Building on Dec. 10 between 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.

Visitors to the open house will be able to meet their representatives and visit state-rooms.

Activities for children will also be available.

Attendees are asked to bring one non-perishable food item or toy for the Christmas Cheer Board.

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Canada's dealing better with child abuse: Kennedy

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► Sheldon Kennedy

One of Graham James's most prominent victims says Canada has made great strides in child abuse since he first went public with his story.

Former NHLer Sheldon Kennedy says the conviction of his former coach in 1997 for sex crimes — and

a further guilty plea to sex assault charges Wednesday — has helped change the sports landscape.

Kennedy says organizations across North America, including Penn State University, are now grappling openly with similar allegations of sexual

abuse.

Background checks have become routine in hockey and abuse awareness training is mandatory since James was convicted of sexually abusing Kennedy and another player in 1997.

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REAL ESTATE

Housing starts up in the 'Peg

The City of Winnipeg's housing market continues to boom as the latest figures show housing starts are up in the city.

The Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation's latest figures show construction began on 369 new homes, up more than 100 from last November's figure of 223.

Continued demand is

what is driving the numbers, said CMHC senior market analyst Diane Himbeault. Single-detached homes are building on last year's numbers as more people get into the market and move into the city, she said. She credited low interest rates as part of the reason demand is high, and the fact homes here are still relatively affordable compared to other cities.

Winnipeg is on pace to set a 22-year record high in housing starts for 2011. **ELISHA DACEY**

Local company to help China firm recycle

Blue Diamond Technologies, a tire-recycling company based in Winnipeg, announced Thursday they will be joining with Chinese company Insignia to reclaim reusable crumb rubber, clean steel and fibre from used vehicle tires. **METRO**

Fundraiser tops half-a-million pounds of food

The Farm 2 School Healthy Choice fundraiser has sold more than 500,000 pounds of locally grown vegetables since September. That amounts to \$245,545 for Manitoba schools, according to Healthy Living, Youth and Seniors Minister Jim Rondeau. **METRO**

Occupy ordered to clean up

► Unclaimed belongings will be hauled away by Saturday: Camp organizers

Officers from Manitoba Conservation visited the Occupy Winnipeg camp Thursday morning to duct-tape removal notices on all 13 tents remaining in Memorial Park.

The notices ordered "abandoned tents to be removed within 72 hours," and listed 10 a.m. Sunday for a re-inspection.

Occupier Terry Weaymouth, who sleeps in a military-grade tent at the camp, told Metro Winnipeg he had left to have breakfast when the notices were issued. "I just didn't happen to be here for two hours," Weaymouth said. "It doesn't mean I'm not still occupying."

Provincial spokesperson Matt Williamson said the Thursday visit by the province was — aside from targeting vacant tents — also to "make sure the



garbage situation has been addressed."

"As you can see, there's piles all over the place," conceded Weaymouth. "They just see a bunch of rubble and garbage — and I totally understand and respect why they're putting up those notices."

Occupiers have created a

Facebook event titled Operation Stuff Removal, which asks anyone not still camping to claim their belongings.

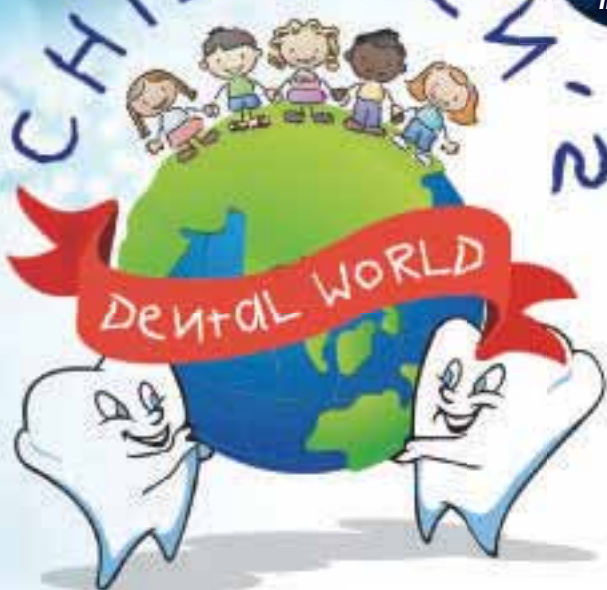
Occupiers Pam Godin and Shawn Lanting said the four occupiers are sleeping at the site now, but that number will go up when the camp gets itself organized this weekend.

"All the garbage you see will be gone. The park will be clean," Lanting said.

"But we won't be gone," added Godin.

In a statement, the province warned they "will remove any abandoned tents that don't follow removal orders." **SEAN LEDWICH**

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Policeman killed at Virginia Tech

► Gunman found dead in parking lot ► Campus was quieter as classes ended Wednesday

A gunman killed a police officer in a Virginia Tech parking lot and was found dead nearby Thursday in an attack that sent fear through the campus nearly five years after it was the scene of the deadliest shooting rampage in modern U.S. history.

The school locked down for hours and warned students and faculty members via email and text message to stay indoors.

"Today, tragedy again struck Virginia Tech," said university president Charles Steger. "Our hearts are broken again."

The police officer was killed after pulling a driver over in a traffic stop. The gunman, who was not involved in the traffic stop, walked into the parking lot and shot the officer, Sgt. Robert Carpentieri said. Police wouldn't talk about a motive.

A law enforcement official who spoke on the condition of anonymity

"It's crazy that someone would go and do something like that with all the stuff that happened in 2007."

COREY SMITH, 19-YEAR-OLD SOPHOMORE

confirmed the gunman was dead, but wouldn't say how.

It appeared the gunman died in another school parking lot, where officials said a man was found dead with a gun nearby. While police at a news conference wouldn't confirm the second body was the gunman, Carpentieri said "you can kind of read between the lines."

The campus swarmed with heavily armed police during the lockdown and manhunt. "A lot of people, especially toward the beginning, were scared," said Jared Brumfield, a 19-year-old freshman.

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► A police officer secures the scene where a gunman killed a police officer after a traffic stop Thursday, on the campus of Virginia Tech, in Blacksburg, Va.

Shafia says he was a loving, lenient father

A man accused of killing his three daughters over family honour portrayed himself Thursday as a loving, benevolent and lenient father, even though his children were cruel to him.

The picture Mohammad Shafia painted of himself as he took the stand at his murder trial was in stark contrast to evidence the jury has heard from Crown witnesses over the past six weeks. Court has heard that his children were

afraid of him, begging authorities to remove them from the home, and that he cursed them as treacherous on wiretaps secretly recorded after their deaths.

What Shafia meant, when he was recorded on the wiretaps saying that even if the girls came back to life 100 times he would "do the same again," is that he would continue to give them good advice, he told court.

Shafia and his wife, Too-



► Mohammad Shafia, left, is escorted from the holding cell at the Frontenac county courthouse in Kingston, Ont., on Thursday.

ba Yahya, 41, and their son Hamed, 20, have each pleaded not guilty to four counts of first-degree murder.

They're accused of killing Zainab, 19, Sahar, 17 and Geeti Shafia, 13, and Rona Amir Mohammad, 52, Shafia's first wife in a polygamous marriage. The four bodies were found June 30, 2009, inside a car submerged in a canal in Kingston, Ont.

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Devil talk

- Shafia also tried to explain what he meant when he said on the wiretaps, "May the devil (defecate) on their graves."
- "To me it means that the devil would go out and check with them in graves," Shafia said. "If they have done a good thing it would be good, if they did bad it would be up to God what to do."

Huge methylamine haul in Mexico

Mexican authorities say they have seized 205 metric tons of a chemical used in synthetic drugs in a Pacific coast port.

Mexico's Navy says that the methylamine was found over several days in the port of Lazaro Cardenas.

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Jurors tweet, sleep while in court

The Arkansas Supreme Court has tossed out a death-row inmate's murder conviction because one juror slept

and another tweeted.

The court on Thursday voided Erickson Dimas-Martinez's 2010 murder conviction. His attorneys appealed his conviction because a juror tweeted during the trial. The justices sent the case back to a lower court for a new trial. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Texting by drivers up 50% in U.S.

New U.S. federal safety data shows texting while driving increased 50 per cent last year, despite a rush by states to ban the practice. The

share of drivers speaking in headsets also increased, although hand-held cell-phone use remained flat.

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► Russian President Dmitry Medvedev has had an obscene characterization of a prominent opposition figure appear on his Twitter account.

Tasteless tweet raises Russia's ire

► Offending retweet of a post by United Russia ideologue has been removed from Medvedev's account

President Dmitry Medvedev's affection for going online has turned off-colour after an obscene characterization of a prominent opposition figure appeared on his Twitter account.

Medvedev's tweets are usually bland, such as congratulating victorious sports teams. So the post describing popular opposition figure Alexei Navalny as a sheep engaging in an unprintable sexual act sparked huge attention.

A Kremlin statement says the message, a retweet of a posting by United Russia party ideologue and former parliament member Konstantin Rykov, was posted by an unnamed member of the president's technical staff. It added: "The guilty will be punished."

The post, late Tuesday, came on the second straight day of large demonstrations by protesters over the vote fraud seen in Russia's parli-

mentary election Sunday.

The post does not mention Navalny by name, but clearly refers to him, denouncing the phrase the "party of crooks and thieves" that Navalny popularized on his blog to characterize United Russia, the country's dominant party.

Navalny was arrested Monday on the first night of protests in Moscow and sentenced to 15 days in jail.

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Don't interfere in Syria: Russia

Russia's foreign minister warned on Thursday that Syrians should be allowed to sort out their country's problems without outside interference.

Syria should follow the example of Yemen, Sergey Lavrov said. That nation's longtime president Ali Abdullah Saleh stepped down recently after a 10-month uprising in exchange for immunity from prosecution.

"Nobody put any very extreme deadlines or ultimatums (on Yemen), everybody pulled together and in a couple of months this peace plan was signed," Lavrov said after attending a meeting of NATO foreign ministers.

The United Nations says more than 4,000 people have died in Syria since the uprising against President Bashar Assad began in March.

In recent weeks, there have been growing signs of an armed insurgency and mounting sectarian tensions that could push the country toward civil war.

In October, Russia and China vetoed a Security Council measure condemning the bloodshed in Syria.

They argued that NATO had misused a previous UN resolution authorizing the protection of civilians in Libya to justify months of air strikes that helped oust the late Libyan leader, Moammar Gadhafi, from power. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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NATO TALKS

Deadlock over missile defence

Russia and NATO remain deadlocked on a long-running dispute over the alliance's plan for a missile shield for Europe, officials said Thursday, and Russia warned that time was running out for an agreement.

NATO Secretary-General Anders Fogh Rasmussen reported no progress toward a deal on

the contentious issue, following a key discussion among alliance foreign ministers and Russia's Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov that came amid political turmoil in Russia and tart criticism of the United States.

Fogh Rasmussen rejected Russian criticism that NATO is ignoring its concerns that the planned missile system might one day be turned on Russia. He left the door open for more talks before the next planned NATO summit in May 2012.

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► The remains of a Canadian flag can be seen flying over a building in Attawapiskat, Ont., on Nov. 29.

Attawapiskat on the hook for consultant

► Troubled reserve must pay federally appointed manager \$180K ► Harper defends fees as necessary

The federal government is forcing the troubled Attawapiskat First Nation to pay a private-sector consultant about \$1,300 a day to run its finances — even though the government's own assessments say the third-party management system is not cost-effective.

Aboriginal Affairs officials told The Canadian Press they have an agreement to pay Jacques Marion of BDO Canada LLP a total of \$180,000 to look after the reserve's accounts from now until June 30.

The money comes from the Attawapiskat First Nation's budget.

That rate over the

"What they've done is taken \$300,000 out of this band's limited budget for political cover to pay for the mistakes of an incompetent minister."

NEW DEMOCRAT MP CHARLIE ANGUS

course of a year would run up to \$300,000 and easily pay for at least one nice, solid house, notes Mushkegowuk Grand Chief Stan Louttit.

"And (Aboriginal Affairs) should pay for this over and above First Nations ex-

isting budgets," he said.

Instead, the band will soon find itself cutting off educational assistants and aides for special-needs children in order to scrape together the money to pay the consultant, said New Democrat MP Charlie Angus, whose northern Ontario riding includes Attawapiskat.

But Prime Minister Stephen Harper brushed aside criticism of the fees and requests from the opposition to cover the costs. Harper told the House of Commons the government is just making sure the band council in Attawapiskat stops mismanaging taxpayers' money.

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New RCMP chief looks to women to overhaul force

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► RCMP Commissioner Bob Paulson salutes during a change-of-command ceremony welcoming him as the 23rd commissioner in Ottawa on Thursday.

Bringing more women into the RCMP will help strengthen the national police force as it works to stamp out harassment, says the new top Mountie.

After being formally installed as the storied force's 23rd commissioner in a pomp-filled ceremony Thursday, Bob Paulson said he also wants to see more women in the senior ranks.

"My view is, we bring more women into our decision-making process at the executive level, we have a much more representative decision-making body in the force."

He takes over the RCMP amid complaints of bullying and sexual harassment from several members.

Paulson, 52, said the force has already made progress on the issue, starting with an "extraordinary" meeting of the top

brass and changes to the way harassment cases are tracked.

"We've centralized the oversight and the management of the process ... so that it affords me and my senior partners the ability to be able to track and monitor just what the cases are and how they're moving on timelines."

Paulson said he's taken measures to increase the number of female recruits at the RCMP training depot in Regina to 35 per cent of

the contingent, well above the labour-market availability of 26 or 27 per cent.

"We need to increase women coming into the force."

Several female RCMP officers have come forward since Cpl. Catherine Galliford went public in November with allegations of harassment within the force in British Columbia.

Men have also complained of abusive behaviour and intimidation.

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EXPLOITATION TARGETED

New child porn law puts onus on Internet providers

A new law aimed at curbing child pornography on the Internet is now in force.

The law requires Internet service providers to report tips they get about websites containing child

porn.

They also have to tell police if they believe a child porn offence has been committed using their service.

Failure to comply carries fines ranging from \$1,000 to \$100,000 or jail time for repeat offenders.

Justice Minister Rob Nicholson says the exploitation of children by online sexual predators is a serious crime.

The government says the law balances privacy concerns with the need to tackle the issue.

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Co-workers claim \$21M jackpot

A jovial bunch of co-workers from Penetanguishene, Ont., picked up a \$21-million prize Thursday after winning a Lotto Max jackpot.

Each of the 12 mental-health workers, who said they were all great friends outside of work, will get \$1.75 million from the Nov. 25 draw. Most of them said they would be returning to their jobs. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Hunted saves hunter's life

► Couple skins moose calf to keep warm after getting lost in a hunting trip

Steve and Sheila Joyce of Steady Brook, N.L., were hunting Tuesday afternoon when they wounded a moose calf and then became disoriented while tracking it through the woods between Corner Brook and Bonne Bay.

As dusk fell and the temperature dropped to a few degrees above freezing, they realized they were hopelessly lost.

That's when they suddenly came upon the wounded calf and killed it, a recovering Sheila Joyce said Thursday from their

"We never would have made it through the night because we were both wet, shivery and cold."

SHEILA JOYCE

home. They used its skin to keep warm through the night.

Joyce, in her mid-40s, has hunted with her husband for the last several years.

They had followed a blood trail from where they had wounded the calf near their SUV. Their food and water was in the vehicle and her husband had set down their survival pack as they tracked the animal for what they thought would be a brief chase, she explained.

The couple's son, who searched through the night, alerted nearby hunters, who fired a shot into the air to find them.

The couple sent back an answering blast and was soon rescued.

They were briefly checked into a hospital and are now home.

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► In this handout photo, Steve Joyce wears a moose hide as a life-saving blanket. Joyce and his wife, Sheila, spent a cold night lost in the woods of western Newfoundland during a hunting trip.

HANDOUT/SHEILA JOYCE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

CHILD ABUSE

Scouts Canada apologizes

In a solemn six-minute video posted online Thursday, Scouts Canada offers a public apology to all former members who may have "suffered harm" at the hands of volunteer leaders in the past and announced a third-party review of its records relating to abuse.

"Our sincere efforts

to prevent such crimes have not always succeeded. We are sorry for that," chief commissioner Steve Kent said in the YouTube video. "We are saddened at any resulting harm. Our most profound sympathies extend to all victims and to their families."

Kent's words came weeks after a report on CBC's Fifth Estate alleged Scouts Canada maintained a list of suspected pedophiles and did not share it with authorities.

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Sorry not enough: Vets

Japan's apology to the Canadian veterans who suffered brutal treatment in prisoner-of-war camps during the Second World War is too late to be of significant meaning, veterans said Thursday.

Officials gathered in Tokyo for a ceremony to commemorate the 70th anniversary of the Battle of Hong Kong, a disastrous campaign in which hundreds of Canadian soldiers were killed or wounded. Japan's parliamentary vice-minister for foreign affairs

Toshiyuki Kato apologized for the mistreatment of those soldiers who survived the battle and spent years toiling in labour camps.

The declaration, delivered to an audience that included Canada's Veterans Affairs Minister Steven Blaney, missed the mark for one of its intended targets. A spokesman for Veterans Affairs Canada said efforts to seek an apology from Japan had been under way for some time.

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Dad slapped and shook my baby: Mom

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The mother of an infant who died in Halifax said she threatened to leave her partner after he slapped and shook their daughter. Jane Gomes testified Thursday 25-year-old Ashiqur Rahman, who has pleaded not guilty to manslaughter and aggravated assault in their child's death, became frustrated when the baby wouldn't stop crying.

Gomes, 25, told Nova Scotia Supreme Court Rahman slapped Aurora Breakthrough and on July 15, 2009, held her by her hands and feet and shook her.

"I know he (hit) me sometimes ... but I never thought he could have done that to Aurora," said Gomes, who earlier testified Rahman pulled her



► Jane Gomes, right, walks into a courtroom at Nova Scotia Supreme Court on Wednesday.

hair.

Gomes testified she tried to leave Rahman on a few occasions, but he always apologized and convinced her to stay.

Rahman was charged after his seven-week-old daughter died when she was taken off life support on July 27, 2009, the court heard. Gomes said Aurora was brought to the hospital

on July 23 after the couple noticed the baby looked "sleepy" and was having trouble breathing.

A neuropathologist has testified the infant had extensive brain injuries.

Gomes has pleaded guilty for failing to provide necessities of life in her daughter's death and received conditional discharge and probation.

No link between abortion, anxiety

► Study finds unwanted pregnancies, not abortion, trigger mental-health issues in women

Abortion does not increase a woman's chance of developing mental-health problems, according to the largest study ever to investigate the issue.

Among women with unwanted pregnancies, those who had abortions were no more likely to suffer from problems including anxiety or depression than women who gave birth, the research review by the U.K.'s National Collaborating Centre for Mental Health found.

The research shows the "reassuring news" that abortion does not cause mental-health problems, but raises a warning that officials must address the

"We should be looking at what it is about the unwanted pregnancy stage that is so problematic. We need to try to get those women help sooner so they're not put at greater risk."

DR. TIM KENDALL,

problem of unwanted pregnancy, said Dr. Tim Kendall, the centre's director.

The study is likely to be met by skepticism by those opposed to the practice and believe that terminating a pregnancy can trigger depression or other mental illnesses.

Kendall said mental health problems seemed to be linked specifically to unwanted pregnancies rather

than abortion.

About 11 to 12 per cent of women in general suffer from mental-health issues like anxiety or depression, but among women with unwanted pregnancies that figure rises to about one-third, he said. For women who later had an abortion, there did not appear to be any increase in their rate of mental-health problems.

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Ad. Backtrack

► This undated image shows a Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board ad meant to warn young adults about the connection between heavy drinking and rape.



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Liquor board pulls controversial ad

A spokeswoman for the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board says the ad was pulled Wednesday after complaints that it blamed women for being victims.

Obama backs idea to keep Plan B off shelves

President Barack Obama on Thursday defended his health secretary's decision

to stop the Plan B morning-after pill from moving onto drugstore shelves next to condoms.

As the father of two daughters," he said, "I think it is important for us to make sure that we apply some common sense to various rules when it comes to over-the-counter

medicine."

The president spoke the day after his administration stunned doctors' groups and women's health advocates with the decision.

Plan B is a pill that can prevent pregnancy if taken soon after unprotected sex.

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Clinton instigated protests: Putin

► Says U.S. spending hundreds of millions to influence Russian politics ► Clinton stands by criticism of election

Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin, facing the possibility of nationwide protests against his rule, on Thursday accused U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton of instigating demonstrators in the wake of the disputed parliamentary election.

The comments came as opposition supporters largely stayed off the streets after three nights of sizeable protests. No protests were seen in Moscow and only a small one where 10 people were arrested was reported in St. Petersburg.

But the wave of discontent — which has already undercut Putin's public persona of being both strong and beloved — may be far from cresting. More than 30,000 people have promised on a Facebook page to attend a Saturday protest in Moscow and similar rallies have been called for in more than 70 other cities.

Putin, in televised remarks, accused the U.S. of encouraging and funding the Russians protesting the alleged election fraud in Sunday's elections. By recently describing Russia's election as rigged, Clinton "gave a signal" to his opponents, said Putin, who also warned of a wider Russian crackdown on dissent.

"They heard this signal and with the support of the U.S. State Department began their active work," Putin said.

Putin's tough words show the deep cracks in U.S.-Russian ties despite President Barack Obama's



► People pose with a protester wearing a mock mask depicting Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin during a rally in Thursday in downtown St. Petersburg, Russia.

efforts to "reset" relations with the Kremlin. Ahead of the election, President Dmitry Medvedev threatened to deploy missiles to target the U.S. missile shield in Europe if Washington failed to assuage Moscow's concerns about its plans.

Clinton has repeatedly criticized Sunday's parliamentary vote, saying "Russian voters deserve a full

investigation of electoral fraud and manipulation."

Moscow has already put about 50,000 police and 2,000 paramilitary troops on the streets, backed by water cannons.

Putin warned that the government might take an even harder line against those who try to influence Russia's political process on behalf of a foreign government. "We are the largest

nuclear power," Putin said. "And our partners have certain concerns and shake us so that we don't forget who is the master of this planet, so that we remain obedient and feel that they have leverage to influence us within our own country."

Russia's Kremlin-controlled television networks have largely ignored the demonstrations.

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Internet used to mobilize people

Aside from a mass protest near the Kremlin on Saturday called for by opposition groups to demand a vote recount, a map circulating on the Internet shows similar protests planned for Saturday in more than 75 cities around Russia, while a page on LiveJournal lists more planned protests in 15 countries around the world.

The use of the Internet to mobilize protesters in Russia is a new phenomenon.

Anton Nossik, a popular blogger and Internet expert, said it was not the Internet that energized the protesters but the brazen vote rigging that prompted many young Russians to express their discontent offline.

"They came out not because they read information (online) on where to show up for the first time, but because for the first time many people got the feeling that the time had come for that," Nossik said.

Sam Greene, director of the Center for the Study of New Media and Society in Moscow, said this week's protests in Moscow were a combination of online and offline social networks working together.

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Blame game

- Putin's attempt to rally support by blaming the United States for his troubles would find little support among ordinary Russians, said political analyst Dmitry Oreshkin.
- "Even in Soviet times, it did not work," Oreshkin said. "Now it won't work for sure."

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Post. Cards



► This Dec. 6 photo shows the postmark cachet depicting the three wise men following the Star of Bethlehem on a letter stamped at the Bethlehem, Ind., post office.

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Traditional cards may not survive cuts

For decades, the post office in this little town of Bethlehem has been the Christmas destination for thousands of cards from around the world, each seeking a red-inked imprint depicting the three wise men following a star. The stamps could soon be a Christmas memory. About a half-dozen locations with Christmas-themed names are going away as part of a shut-down of 3,700 post offices nationwide.

High hopes for Africa

► Continent poised for a business boom ► 6 countries seeing growth rates of 6.5% or better ► Middle class growing

Virgin Atlantic billionaire Richard Branson sat in a car for two hours on Thursday, snarled in Nairobi's maddening traffic while trying to reach a conference where business leaders discussed the barriers to commercial success in Africa.

The continent's roadways — not surprisingly — were near the top of the complaints from participants in the daylong event. One investor noted that in order to ship her goods from West Africa to East Africa her products had to



► Richard Branson

transit through Europe. Africa appears poised on the edge of a business boom and its leaders predict high returns for international investors. Botswana's growth rate is near 12 per cent, while Nigeria's and Rwanda's are both at 7 per cent. Kenya is at 4 per cent, all according

to Trading Economics.

But hurdles remain, including corruption by politicians and other government workers, access to reliable high-speed Internet, unreliable electricity and, yes, the continent's poor highway infrastructure.

Branson said the leaders of African countries must be above corruption, or it will ricochet down to the police and customs agents. But he remains optimistic about the continent's future. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Coca-Cola keeps secret formula at arm's length

The Coca-Cola Co. has made its secret formula the centrepiece of a new exhibit at its corporate museum, ditching the confines of the bank vault where the list of ingredients had been stored since 1925.

The world's largest beverage maker said Thursday a new vault containing the formula will be on display for visitors to its World of Coca-Cola museum in downtown Atlanta. However, the formula itself, which dates back to 1886, will remain hidden from view.

Atlanta-based Coca-Cola said the decision to move the formula from a vault at SunTrust Banks Inc. had nothing to do with the bank's decision in 2007 to begin selling its long-held stake in Coca-Cola. The bank, which provided underwriting services to Coca-Cola

when it went public in 1919 and received some of



Coca-Cola's first publicly traded stock, at one time held more than 48 million Coca-Cola shares.

"The time has come for our secret formula to come back home," CEO Muhtar Kent told employees and city and state officials who were on hand for the unveiling of the exhibit.

Several executives from SunTrust were on hand for the opening of the exhibit. Bank spokesman Mike McCoy said SunTrust was honoured to safeguard the formula for as long as it did. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Fancy Exhibit

Coca-Cola is all about marketing, and that was on full display at the museum Thursday.

- Attendees watched a video of Kent placing a metal box, which the company says contains the formula, inside a five-foot-high safe several days ago and locking it.
- Visitors were then escorted through a room full of pictures and historical information about the founding of the company and the secret formula.
- A cylindrical room contains a giant vault with a keypad and a hand-imprint scanner. Coke officials wouldn't say if the keypad and hand scanner were there for show or were security measures.

A guide to Jewish New York

Museums and historic sites, the world's largest menorah and a trendy new Tribeca restaurant inspired by an old-school Catskills resort.

They're all part of Jewish New York, with a heritage that stretches back 400 years and a vital contemporary community that's reinterpreting old traditions for the 21st century.

The stories of European

1.4M

1.4 million Jews live in New York City, which gives it the largest concentration of Jews in the world outside of Israel.

Jews who arrived in the late 19th and early 20th centuries are relatively well-known and easy to find in places like the Lower East Side.

But visitors with an interest in Jewish New York will also want to explore many other parts of the

city, from the Jewish Children's Museum in Brooklyn to a 17th-century graveyard on a Chinatown side street. An obvious place to start is Ellis Island, where the ancestors of so many American Jews first set foot on U.S. soil. Boats run from Battery Park to the National Park site in New York Harbor.

The Ellis Island museum offers a wealth of artifacts connected to Jewish immigrants, including a photo of a kosher kitchen that opened on the island in 1911 and an eye chart with a line of Hebrew letters.

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OILSANDS DEVELOPMENT

Joslyn mine gets approval

The federal government has given the green light for the Joslyn oilsands mine project to go ahead, six years after Total E&P Canada first proposed it.

Natural Resources Minister Joe Oliver said Thursday that construction can now begin on the mine near Fort McMurray, Alta., though there remains a two-week consultation period with local First Nations groups.

The prolonged review

process for Joslyn shows the need for Canada to streamline its regulatory system, Oliver said in a statement.

Suncor Energy, Canada's largest energy company, picked up a minority interest in Joslyn late last year through a \$1.75-billion deal with the French-owned E&P.

Environmental groups were quick to blast the approval, particularly since it comes during the United Nations climate-change conference in South Africa.

The oilsands have been criticized because of the greenhouse gases that are emitted when fossil fuels are burned.

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Twitter rolls out tweaks

Twitter has redesigned its short messaging service to make it simpler, faster and more personal.

The redesign is supposed to make Twitter easier to navigate. It offers more accessible features that customize the experience for each user.

The service is also expanding users' profile pages to accommodate more detailed information about brands in text, photos and video as Twitter tries to convert more companies into advertisers.

Twitter's tweaks debuted in a Thursday update to its software for smartphones and tablet computers. The new look will be gradually rolled out on its website over the next few weeks.

Since its launch in 2006,

Twitter has become a vital communications tool for discussing current events.

The facelift is an attempt to "bridge the gap between the awareness of Twitter and the engagement on Twitter," company CEO Dick Costolo said.

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China court rejects Apple lawsuit

A court in southern China has rejected a claim by Apple Inc. that a Taiwanese-owned company has infringed its iPad trademark, a ruling that could threaten U.S. company's sales of its tablet computer in the country.

The court said on its website that it dismissed a lawsuit on Monday by Apple against Shenzhen Provview Technology over the ownership of the iPad trademark.

The court has ruled that the Shenzhen company is not bound by a 2009 agreement that its Taiwanese affiliate made with Apple to transfer the trademarks.

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Yahoo wins \$627M in scam case

Yahoo says it has won a \$627 million court judgment in a scam that tried to dupe people into believing they had won prizes in a bogus lottery sponsored by the Internet company.

A New York federal court issued the default judgment on Monday. Collecting judgments in such cases can be a frustrating and fruitless exercise because online swindlers are often difficult to find.

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Economy at risk from Euro crisis, BoC says

► Potential for 'adverse shock' increased: Bank of Canada

Canadians need to start worrying about the worsening debt mess in Europe and its ability to hit hard in this country, the Bank of Canada warned Thursday in its semi-annual financial stability review.

"The (bank's) governing council judges that the risks to the stability of Canada's financial system are high and have increased markedly over the past six months," the central bank stated.

"Since June, the global retrenchment of risk associated with the European crisis has indeed

resulted in a significant correction in the prices of equities and other risky assets, as well as a widening of credit spreads in Canada."

Frankly, the bank said, measures currently undertaken to bring the European debt crisis under control "have repeatedly fallen short of what is needed."

On Wednesday night, Finance Minister Jim Flaherty poured cold water on an unconfirmed report that G20 nations would funnel \$600 billion US to Europe through the International Monetary Fund.

European leaders were meeting later in the day for yet another attempt to come up with a solution to a debt crisis that have put countries in the euro-zone, including Germany, on watch for a debt rating downgrade.

The bank made it clear that Canada's problems to date are of a factor lower than those faced by European nations and the United States.

But the report warned that Canadian banks are not out of wreckage range should Europe's financial system crash.

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Google. Groundbreaking



► Hong Kong government representatives and Google officials pose during the groundbreaking ceremony of Google's new data centre in Hong Kong on Thursday.

KIN CHEUNG/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Engineering an Asian expansion

Google says it will spend \$300 million on a new data centre in Hong Kong. The facility will be up and running by 2013, as the tech company beefs up infrastructure to keep pace with rapidly rising Internet use across Asia.

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1 **Calgary Philharmonic Orchestra:** Classical music went all hip when Tourism Calgary and CPO, as part of its vocal warmup to a new season, asked followers on Twitter to tweet their advice for staying toasty this winter. CPO assembled the best 20 tweets, set them to an offbeat compilation version of O Fortuna, and posted their performance, Singing Tweets, to YouTube. It is believed to be the first professional Twitter chorus ever created. A tweetorus.

2 **Heroes exhibit:** Inspired by his nephew, who overcame brain cancer, artist/gallery owner Mark Gleberzon has launched an exhibit, Heroes: Real, Fictional and Close to Home, which runs through Dec. 31 at his MJG gallery in Toronto. It features works by 16 artists who have interpreted the theme "heroes," from comic book superheroes to soldiers who have given their lives to cyclists as heroes juxtaposed against city traffic. Inspiring.

3 **Canada's first Free Shipping Day:** Mark next Monday, Dec. 12 on your calendar as that's the day Free Shipping Day comes to Canada. Taking a page from the popular U.S. Free Shipping Day, it allows you to snap up last-minute deals from online merchants (see freeshippingday.ca for participating merchants) and receive free shipping with delivery by Christmas Eve. Yes, sick days and surfing online should be way up come next Monday.

4 **New Year's Eve movie:** Garry Marshall's new romantic comedy New Year's Eve opens this Friday, about love and lust on New Year's in Time Square. It stars Sarah Jessica Parker, Hilary Swank, Jessica Biel, Ashton Kutcher, Zac Efron, Halle Berry, Robert De Niro and more. As Ellen said on her show this week, "Literally everyone in the world is in this movie." In other words, this New Year's Eve better not be a bust.

5 **Own the Green Bay Packers:** They're coming off a Super Bowl win last year, and are unbeaten this year. So now is a great time for the publicly owned Green Bay Packers to set up a site PackersOwner.com, that allows Cheeseheads to buy "common stocks" (they're \$250 per share) in their storied franchise. You'll be sent a 12-inch-by-8-inch certificate so that "you will be able to display your ownership with pride," according to the site. Xmas gift. In.

6 **Top trending topics:** What the Trend, Hootsuite's trend-spotting company, evaluated more than 200,000 Twitter hashtags to determine the top trending topics of 2011. The likes of Justin Bieber, Lady Gaga and Britney Spears are a few of the celebrities that made the Top 10. Thankfully, Kim Kardashian wasn't on this list. She should be on a Not Ever Trending Again list with Paris Hilton.

7 **G'N'R:** With news that seminal rock band Guns N' Roses are among those being inducted into the Rock and Roll of Hall of Fame in 2012, comes new rumours of a possible reunion. I prefer to leave their Appetite For Destruction album in 1987 in high school, and not see a bloated Axl Rose ever take the stage again with Slash to perform Sweet Child O' Mine. Like rugger pants, some things really are better left in the past.

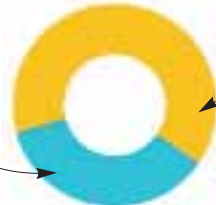
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► **@nicolamof-fatt:** No cameras or cell phones at #Prince?! Drama queeeeen #purple

► **@jay_boogie:** ...our section was reminded - again - not to shoot any pics/vid. #PRINCE #welcome2canada #Winnipeg @mtscentre

► **@RonCantiveros:** I'd be curious to see which section gets kicked out first for using their camera phones. #Prince #Winnipeg

► **@Angle_tweets:** Raspberry beret count 6 #prince

► **@Deborah_Bowers:** @bkives @roncantiveros If u think about it, #Prince invented the spelling of many current texts & tweets. i would die 4 u. :)

► **@Bistrogal725:** And that will be your last pic apparently. Lots of rules & security tonight. RT @ianmcc: We're here!! #Prince <http://t.co/YEvjwAPX>

► **@fitnessflirt:** So many people wearing sequined clothing! It's so sparkly in here! #prince #Winnipeg

► **@EverybodyYoga:** What is santa doing moonlighting as security guard at the prince concert? #prince

Daily Zoom

What's she staring at?



Fan of the bra goes a-bungee

LONDON. She got her eyes on the prize. This female bungee jumper and self-confessed lingerie fanatic took the plunge in front of a huge projection of model Adriana Cernanova at London's landmark Battersea power station on Wednesday. The jump was to launch the new Ultimate Plunge bra by Wonderbra. ● **METRO WORLD NEWS**



"I would have never done this for pure pleasure. I only did it because I won the competition!"

HEIDI SPEED, COMPETITION WINNER

'Bungee jump? That's a prize?!

FEAR. Heidi, 29, mother of two, was one of three women who won an online competition to do the bungee jump. "I honestly didn't know what the prize was when I entered the competition," Heidi told Metro. "I was really nervous at the top, but a guy talked to me in a calm voice and told me it would be OK." ● **METRO WORLD NEWS**



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Synopsis

It's Dec. 31 and we follow the stories of Robert De Niro as a terminally ill man; Halle Berry as his kindly nurse. Then there's odd couple Michelle Pfeiffer and Zac Efron, anxiety-ridden Hillary Swank, ex-lovers Katherine Heigl and Jon Bon Jovi and even Ryan Seacrest pops up playing — who else? — himself. Have we left anyone out? Probably. There are more stars here than in the heavens, but rest assured, by the end of the movie, stories have woven together and no hearts are broken.

Ratings:
Richard: ½
Mark: Ⓢ



► Josh Duhamel gets a last-minute adjustment in the film New Year's Eve.

Reel Guys

RICHARD CROUSE & MARK BRESLIN

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Dropping the ball?

► Impressive collection of stars in New Year's Eve ► But film devoid of real emotion

Richard: Mark, this mish-mash of easy sentiment, romance, illness, musical numbers and product placement flip-flops from story to story so often, it's like a five-year-old grabbed the remote and is wildly channel surfing. It's not so much a movie as it is a cavalcade of familiar names in situations geared to make you understand why everybody hates Dec. 31. Am I being too cynical?

Mark Breslin: Oh, Richard, what's the matter with you? You mean you don't like shoddy writing, implausible plot lines, cameos masquerading as script development, and a general tone of emotional manipulation? The movie screams

"BOGUS" from the opening "inspiring" shots of the Statue of Liberty to the hack credit roll outtakes.

You know what's odd? I kind of liked Valentine's Day, the earlier, funnier, more touching version of this Garry Marshall schmaltzfest. Here's a challenge: did you find anything to like?

RC: Well... let me see. I thought Zac Efron was passably charming and a couple of the outtakes at the end are funnier than anything contained in the actual movie. But there are Walmart commercials with more real emotion than director Gary Marshall manages to bring to this manipulative mess.

MB: And I didn't mind the scenes between Ashton Kutcher and Lea Michele. Trapped in an elevator, at least the movie slows down long enough for a few real moments to break through. And Larry Miller was funny as the tow truck operator.

But back to the travesties: Russell Peters hiding behind an accent he swore he'd never do; Michelle Pfeiffer's stupid bucket list; Robert DeNiro's bathetic hospital scenes; but the worst was Hilary Swank's "love" speech to the assembled Times Square multitude.

I've lived in New York, and believe me, the crowd wouldn't have applauded politely — they would have

hurled obscenities at her. Which would have been a much better scene!

RC: It certainly is a New York-centric flick. Even NYC mayor Bloomberg gets into the action.

By the time he kicks off the New Year's Eve countdown with the words, "Let's drop the ball," its already abundantly clear that Garry Marshall already dropped the ball with this movie.

MB: Very funny, Richard!

I think a better version of the movie would have been scenes of Garry Marshall convincing all those Hollywood stars to work for a fraction of their rate card.

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scene

Scene in brief



Emma Watson's advice to teenagers is: "feel comfortable in your own skin." The 21-year-old Harry Potter star, on her second visit to Hong Kong, told reporters Thursday: "Be true to who you are and do the best to feel comfortable in your own skin. You are all right exactly as you are."

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Robocop actor Peter Weller joining sequel to hit Star Trek movie due out in 2013



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Downey Jr. dusts off his deerstalker

► Established actor reprises his role as Sherlock Holmes in sequel



**RICHARD
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Robert Downey Jr. knows how to work a room. I notice this while at the swank-a-delic Peninsula Hotel in Beverly Hills for a press conference to celebrate the release of *Sherlock Holmes: Game of Shadows*.

It's a packed panel, including co-stars Noomi Rapace (the original *Girl With the Dragon Tattoo*) and Jared Harris, mega producer Joel Silver and Downey's business and life partner Susan. Between them there are untold Oscar nominations and hundreds of millions in box office returns, but that doesn't mean squat when Downey enters and takes centre stage. All eyes — and 90 per cent of the questions



► Robert Downey Jr.

— go to him. Midway he feigns embarrassment at the attention and says, "Why doesn't someone ask Joel Silver a question?" Why? Because Downey is the most quotable, funny and memorable person in the room, that's why.

Here's a sample of what he had to say.

On making sequels:

"There should be a whole online support team for anyone who has ever been

involved in making a second part to a first that worked. There is so much to learn. The greatest disguise was us disguising ourselves as consummate by-the-numbers professionals when, in fact, we're all incredibly eccentric."

When asked to talk about performing Sherlock Holmes's drag scenes:

"I guess we're not talking about this as one of the most important films of the year. I put on some make-up. How are we going to get nominated with these kinds of questions?"

On improving on set:

"I think the goal is to make a well-written scene seem improvised, or to find things in the room you couldn't have known until

you get in the real situation and just try and improve things as you go along."

On why his co-star was absent:

"Jude (Law) would have been here, by the by, but his son had a soccer game."

On keeping the set "green":

"I just remember that every animal that was harmed was promptly taxidermied and sent as a gift to one of the many ecological companies who have these huge concerns that I validate."

On working with Jude Law and director Guy Ritchie:

"Jude and I are pretty close, but Guy and I are practically brothers. There have been times I have wanted to lob off his head with a machete."

Movie reviews | See it twice

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The Sitter

Genre: Comedy

Director: David Gordon Green

Stars: Jonah Hill, Sam Rockwell

●●½

In *The Sitter*, Jonah Hill plays a likeable, albeit contemptuous drop-out reluctantly babysitting three even more disdainful kids.

But when his hideous girlfriend lures him to score

her cocaine, the night turns into a crass journey of misadventures.

Simply put, *The Sitter* plays solely as a vehicle for Hill to perform the chubby-guy-talking-trash schtick he's mastered since *Superbad*.

If that works for you, sit tight and enjoy him in his pejorative prime.

● STEVE GOW

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Willow is a little Fireball

DONALD TRAILL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

► Willow Smith wants her fans to be empowered after listening to her new album ► Pairs with Nicki Minaj

Willow Smith is all about kid empowerment.

The young singer says she's hoping to inspire listeners with her upcoming album *Knees and Elbows*.

"It's gonna make them feel like they have control over their lives and can do what they want to do and be the person they want to be," she said Wednesday night.

Willow is already proving that at just 11. The daughter of Will and Jada Pinkett Smith has become a buzzed-about star thanks to her hit song *Whip My Hair*. She's also become a fashion trendsetter with her funky clothes; on Wednesday, her hair was

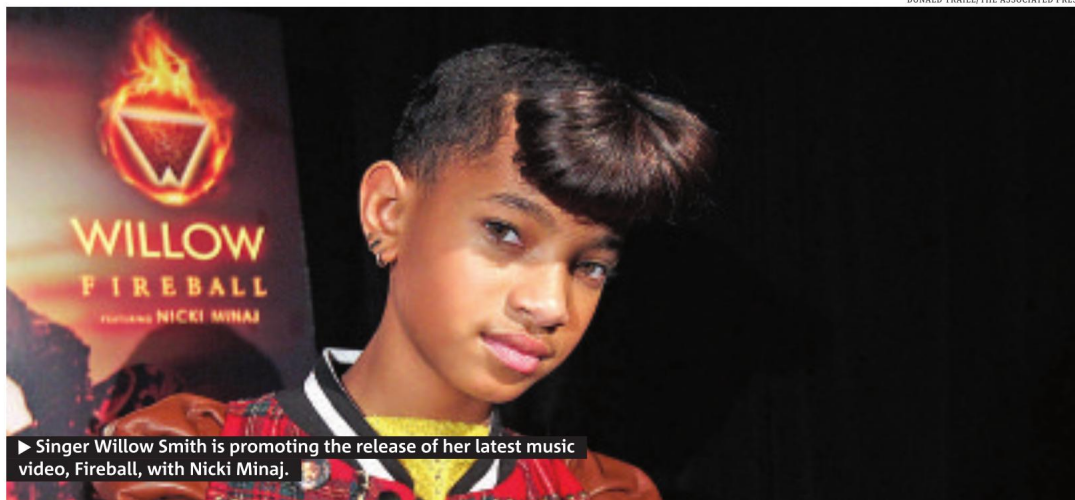
closely cropped with big bangs in the front, and she wore a cropped jacket with decals, including the name of her album, and sequined jeans.

"I get a lot of my style from my friends," she said, also citing her aunt.

Willow recently teamed up with another fashionista, singer-rapper Nicki Minaj, for Willow's new song *Fireball*. Willow premiered it for groups of children and their parents at the Sony Store, as well as BET's 106 & Park.

Even though Minaj and Willow are cited for their style, Willow says they didn't share any fashion tips.

"We just kind of vibed



► Singer Willow Smith is promoting the release of her latest music video, *Fireball*, with Nicki Minaj.

off each other and had fun," she said.

Knees and Elbows is scheduled to be released in April. Willow said it will be "more R&B." The title

ties in to her theme of inspiration.

"Everybody falls down and scrapes their knees and elbows but they eventually get back up," she

said.

Willow said she and her famous family will be vacationing for the holidays, and that she's not anxious about a Christmas gift.

"I have everything I need. I have my mom, my dad, my brothers, my family; ... that's pretty much what I want to keep," she said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Is Lauer out at Today?

► NBC Universal courting Ryan Seacrest to replace Matt Lauer as host of Today

THE WORD

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Rumor has it that NBC Universal is courting Ryan Seacrest to replace Matt Lauer on the Today show next year.

Although Lauer hasn't announced his retirement, he has hinted at it quite seriously, and NBC wants someone big to replace him. And it's starting to look like that someone is our generation's version of Dick Clark.

The Wall Street Journal announced the news of the courting on Thursday but so far NBC is keeping mum on the speculation. A Today spokesperson went on record about the move, saying, "there seems to be an awful lot of speculation around news anchors these days, and it's not our practice to comment on any of it. Matt Lauer has a long-term contract with NBC News and Today."

Here's the thing: Seacrest is an amazing entertainer and host and de-



► Ryan Seacrest

serves all the success that comes with his self-made media empire.

But does the guy have the chops to report on something as heavy as, say, terrorist attacks?

He's too tan. Too involved in the Kardashians. Too smiley.

But maybe that's me just being a Hollywood-ist. And maybe what the show needs is Seacrest inter-

viewing a head of state and then ending it with his trademark, "Seacrest, out!" What do you think about this possible job move? Write in to let me know.

Talking points

Nothing Wilde to see here

RELATIONSHIPS. While Olivia Wilde has maintained that her love life is pretty quiet despite reports to the contrary, sources now say she's been dating Saturday Night Live star Jason Sudeikis — and apparently has been for a while, according to Us Weekly.

"She's come to the studio at Rockefeller Center, and they've gone out to dinner after rehearsals," a source says, adding that "they walked in holding hands" at the show's most recent after-party. **● METRO**



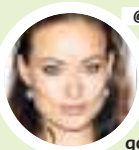
Celebrity tweets



"When I got my house the cable guy said 'oh man, you bought the crazy house. This house makes people go crazy. All the cable guys know that'"



@jasonsegal



@oliviawilde

"sometimes i have good ideas, like going to see the Black Keys. and then sometimes i decide to eat dinner while watching Contagion. doh."

@AlbertBrooks

"It seems Alec Baldwin quit Twitter. His followers are welcome here, but prepare to martyr yourself when I ask."



► Angelina Jolie

Jolie brushes off lawsuit claims

Angelina Jolie isn't too worried about being sued by a writer who claims she stole his idea for the directorial debut.

"In the Land of Blood and Honey," according to the L.A. Times. "It's par for the course. It happens on every film," Jolie says.

Author James Braddock

claims the film is an adaptation of his book the Soul Shattering, which was published in 2007.

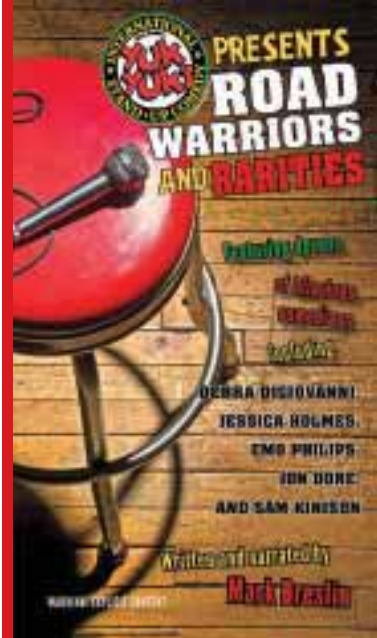
"There are many books and documentaries that I did pull from," Jolie says. "It's a combination of many people's stories. But that particular book I've never seen." **● METRO**

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Lohan to unveil shoot with Playboy

The cover of Lindsay Lohan's issue of Playboy has leaked a week ahead of its unveiling, according to Hollyscoop.

The vintage-themed cover features a naked Lohan straddling a red chair in the shape of the Playboy bunny logo that strategically blocks certain parts of her body.

Lohan is still set to appear on Ellen DeGeneres' show next week to officially unveil the issue and give her first interview since violating her parole.

She is rumoured to have received \$1 million for the shoot although she has not confirmed the fee.

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Drinking like it's 1999



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I saw Prince in concert last week and while I'm not sure if it was his out-of-control funkfest (hello, the guy is 53!) or having drinks after the show with a female friend who looks even better than she did in college, I can testify that some things do get better with age.

Wines can be a lot like that, but not always. Most mid-priced vino is drunk within 48 hours of leaving the shelf so many wine-makers design their juice to accommodate immediate drinking.

That doesn't mean your local liquor store won't have bottles you can squirrel away. Reds are best bets. Those from France's Burgundy and Bordeaux regions, bigger-bones Spaniards, Italians from Tuscany, and California cult wines make good candidates for the cellar.

Italy's 2007 Ruffino Riserva Ducale Chianti Classico (\$22.95 - \$34.99) comes from a spectacular year and though it will taste great with pasta today, with its dense core of dark cherry fruit, anise and light herbal spice it will age nicely over the next ten years. **PRICES REFLECT THE RANGE ACROSS CANADA. SOME PRODUCTS MAY NOT BE AVAILABLE IN ALL PROVINCES.**



Catch of the week

While you have more free time on weekends, the kitchen may be the last place you want to spend it This simple fish dish is the perfect quick meal

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For this dish, using salt in the skillet instead of oil helps to create heat.

It also allows you to cook with no added oil in the pan.

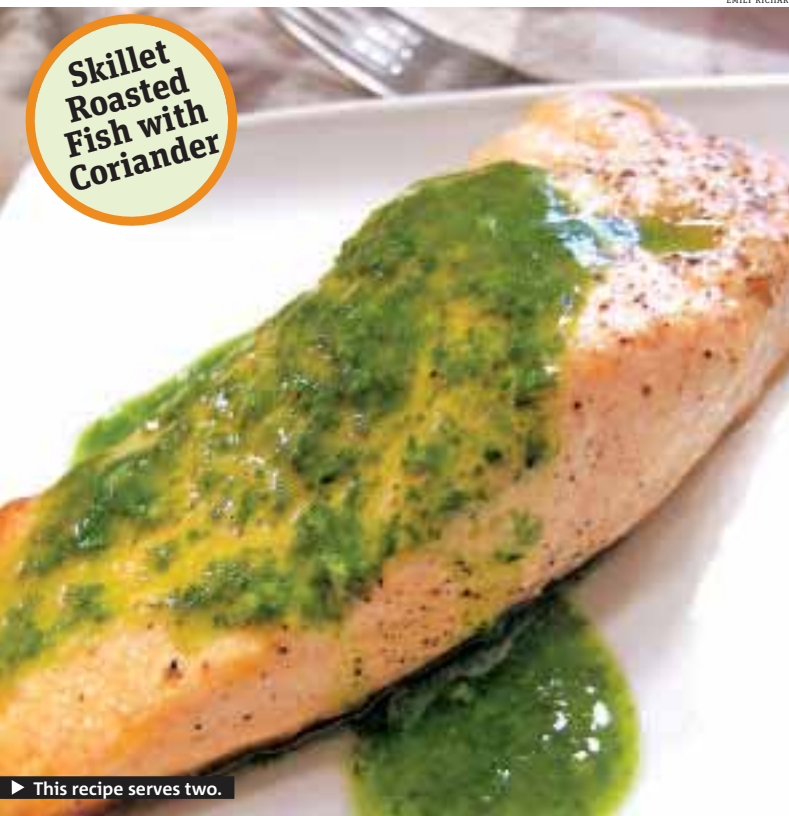
The salt is a essentially a hot bed in which to cook the salmon, and help the fish skin cook directly onto the salt for easy removal.

Skillet Salt Roasted Fish with Coriander Drizzle Preparation:

- 1 In a skillet, spread kosher salt in a single layer and place it over medium-high heat for about 10 minutes or until the salt is hot to the touch.
- 2 Place the salmon fillets on top and brush tops with some of the oil. Sprinkle with pepper.

Ingredients:

- 2 cups (500 mL) Kosher salt
- 2 salmon fillets, skin on (about 12 oz/375 g total)
- ¼ cup (50 mL) extra virgin



► This recipe serves two.

Cover the skillet and cook for about 15 min-

utes or until firm to the touch. Remove the fish from heat and keep it covered for 3 minutes.

- 3 Remove the fish from the salt with spatula, leaving skin on salt.

- 4 In a blender, purée cilantro, garlic and remaining oil until it is

smooth and add vinegar. Pour the mix over the salmon and sprinkle it with smoked salt to serve.

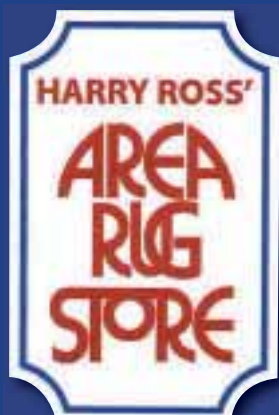
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Going out to see a movie is always nice, but bringing that theatre experience home is something you can enjoy year-round. If you were really good this year, maybe Santa will spruce up that aging home theatre for you.

Here are our picks to help you bring the cinematic experience home for the holidays.

55-inch LG Cinema 3-D LED TV — \$1,599

As the technology matures, the price of 3-D TVs continues to drop. You don't have to break the bank this holiday season in order to put a 3-D TV under the tree. LG sets itself apart from the rest by offering passive 3-D technology in its Cinema series televisions. The glasses are cheap, lightweight and much easier on the eyes than traditional 3-D glasses. The TV comes loaded with useful apps



Channel your Holiday spirit

▶ Enhance home theatre experience

such as Netflix so you will be guaranteed to have something to watch after you are done opening all the presents!

70-inch Sharp Aquos Quattron — \$3,299

If you think bigger is better then look no further than the 70-inch Sharp Aquos Quattron. This LED TV is ideal for those who want a large picture but don't have the appropriate setup for a projector. Sharp's Quattron technology adds a fourth (yellow)



low) pixel into the mix for more vivid yellows and more vibrant blues. A matte screen also ensures glare from light sources is reduced. You can also purchase this television in an incredibly large 80-inch model.

24-inch PlayStation 3-D LED Display — \$499

The first PlayStation brand monitor! This display will change the way you game. Say goodbye to split screen! SimulView technology filters out your opponent's screen so two players can play the same game at the same time yet only see their own full

70-inch Sharp Aquos Quattron, \$3,299, left, Samsung BD-D7000 3-D Blu-ray Player, \$349, below, Apple TV, \$119, bottom.



screen action. Cheating is now a thing of the past. This HD monitor comes with two pairs of 3-D glasses, HDMI cable and Motorstorm Apocalypse for the PS3.

Samsung BD-D7000 3-D Blu-ray Player — \$349

A small but mighty Blu-ray player! In fact, it's not much larger than a Blu-ray disc! This player features 2D-to-3D Up Conversion, so even your old Blu-ray movies can be viewed in 3-D. Connect your device to your wireless network and open up even more features such as apps, wireless streaming or the



can wirelessly stream your content (standard definition and high definition) directly to your Apple TV through Apple's AirPlay technology. Of course, you can also use Apple TV to access Netflix, YouTube, Vimeo and live Major League Baseball games.

LG Smart TV Upgrader — \$99.99

Disappointed your older flat screen TV doesn't have all the bells and whistles of the newer models? LG's Smart TV Upgrader makes any TV a Smart TV. Web browsing, apps, and premium video-on-demand services can be added to your TV through a single HDMI port.



Sony Personal 3-D Viewer — \$799

Imagine always having the perfect seat in the movie theatre! Now you can with your very own 3-D Viewer from Sony. Two 0.7-inch OLED screens sit in front of your eyes, but your brain tricks you into thinking you are staring at a 150-inch movie screen 12 feet away. The viewer offers full 5.1 surround sound.

55-inch LG Cinema 3-D LED TV, \$1,599, left, Sony Personal 3-D Viewer, \$799, top left, 24-inch PlayStation 3-D LED Display, \$499, top.



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Motion pictures: The gift that keeps on giving.

To a true Hollywood devotee, though, regular old DVDs rarely cut it. They are nowhere near comparable to the Mega-Platinum

Everything-But-The-Kitchen-Sink box sets that seem to come out around the same time snow starts piling up at our doorsteps.

This year is no exception, of course, so with that, keep these bona fide flicks in mind when looking for something to turn

your film freak starry-eyed this holiday season.

Current Harry Potter: The Complete Eight-Film Collection Warner

A full decade and eight feature films into this legacy, few need introduction to the bespectacled wizard and his spellbinding saga. However, even with latest series-capper Deathly Hallows only coming out recently, Warner announces that as of Dec. 29, all Harry Potter films will disappear from store shelves. While you have presumably been building your collection since 2001 debut The Philoso-

pher's Stone, grab The Complete Eight-Film Collection fast, before even magic can't bring it back.

Classic Willy Wonka & The Chocolate Factory 40th Anniversary Ultimate Collector's Edition Warner

With a title that long, it has to be great. Yes, we are all familiar with the inimitable Roald Dahl tale as performed by Gene Wilder, yet when packed with multiple extras in a double-wide numbered gift set, who can resist? We will all feel like Veruca Salt pining for the hours of extras, including a fresh di-

rector interview, Dahl featurette, 144-page production book reprint and — most importantly — a retro Wonka Bar-shaped tin box with scented pencils and eraser.

Cartoon Mr. Magoo — The Television Collection 1960-1977 Shout! Factory

Whether fondly reminiscing or introducing a new generation to this goofy glasses-needing cornball, Mr. Magoo is a wealth of innocent animated fun. Gathering all three series together for this 11-disc box set, The Television Collection is a true opus of fun, boasting 30-plus hours of sticky situations.

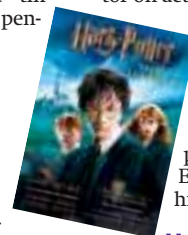
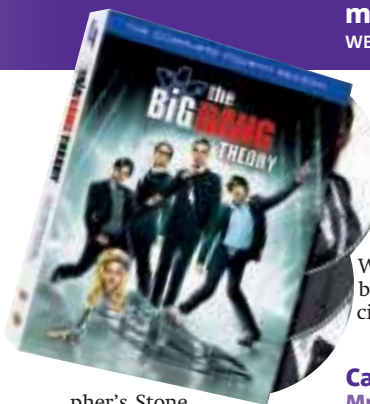
Television The Big Bang Theory, Seasons One To Four Warner

Catching on faster than a malicious meme, this sitcom has turned two un-

likely nerds into modern day heroes ... when we can understand their intellectual jargon. This mega-box set is fleshed out with actor-on-actor interviews, a focus on song creators The Bare-naked Ladies and a gag reel, creating 48-plus hours of Einstein-worthy hilarity.

Horror Friday The 13th: The Ultimate Collection Paramount

No, it's not exactly in keeping with the holiday spirit, but even horror hounds deserve something this season. Heeding the call, The Ultimate Collection delivers with splatter film star Jason Voorhees and all 10 of his Friday The 13th flicks served up in a gruesome package. Bolstered by expanded editions, a book and a life-sized replica of the slasher's trademark hockey mask, this collection is as cool as it is creepy.



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Treasures for your favourite cook



All I want for Christmas is lots of goodies for my kitchen! OK, maybe not all for me, but certainly to give as gifts to friends.

I often get asked what should I have in my kitchen? Well, here are some great tools for the kitchen that are not only great to give but perfect to receive. So if you haven't started your list yet, I suggest you add a few, if not all, of these great ideas.

You can pick and choose or create a "basket" to give this holiday season that is themed for the kitchen. With a little thought and some strong shopping you will receive or give the best kitchen gifts this season.

Kitchen tools to give and receive

This selection can make a lot of people happy, so buy one or buy them all. Truly useful to make cooking a delight! Chef's knife, silicone spatula, Microplane zester/grater, whisk, measuring spoons and dry measuring cups, and tongs.

For the cheese lover

Look for a small or large brie baker and spreader for a simple straightforward gift and perhaps include a brie for a get-together. For other cheeses be sure to in-



* Seasonal napkins, skewers, bamboo forks and small serving dishes work well for appetizer parties.

clude a small cheese board and cheese knife set.

For the baker

Let your imagination grab you! Pick up a bowl and fill it with useful kitchen tools like a rolling pin, cookie cutters, dry measuring cups, measuring spoons, zester/grater and silicone spatula.

For the appetizer parties

Serving things up in small bites is very popular so why not create a few gifts

that can help a hostess out? Look for seasonal napkins, skewers of all shapes and sizes, bamboo forks, small serving dishes and bowls, and tasting spoons

True essentials

There are a few simple tools you shouldn't be without to make cooking enjoyable and fun. A chef's knife will help you chop and dice your way through incredible recipes, the cutting board will protect your knife and your counters, dry measuring cups and spoons will



* Buy one or buy all these for the food lover on your gift list. Kitchen tools include a chef's knife, silicone spatula, zester/grater, whisk, measuring spoons, dry measuring cups and tongs. A Cuisinart waffle maker, below left, and a collapsible popcorn maker, below, from Dolce.

make sure you have the right amounts you need and good salt will help it all be seasoned to perfection.

Bigger items for kitchen gadget lovers

This is where you can look at small appliances with eyes wide open and have some fun.

If you enjoy waffles from restaurants you can recreate the tasty morning dish by making your own at home with a waffle mak-



er. Or for movie buffs, check out a lively popcorn maker that will get your guests watching the popcorn and not the movie. And for pizza lovers, be sure to sneak in a colourful nonstick pizza stone to keep pizza warm right at the table, too.

Whether you are looking for yourself or for friends and family, kitchen tools are an important part of the home and make



* Buy a brie baker and spreader for a simple gift for the person who enjoys cheese.



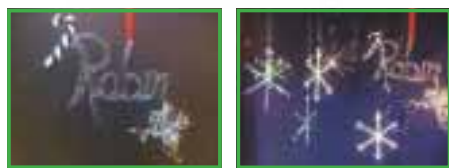
* A rolling pin, cookie cutters, measuring cups, measuring spoons, zester/grater, and silicone spatula are perfect gifts for the baker on your list.

cooking a truly fun and memorable experience.

So be sure to check out your local cookware shops and specialty food stores for some treasures you are sure to find this holiday season. I would love if Santa stuffed a few in my stocking this year.

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Holiday home touch-ups



Want to add a festive touch to your house without going overboard too early? Try implementing basic elements slowly; creating a buildup to Christmas rather than unleashing everything at once. Here are a few ideas to get you prepped for the upcoming holidays.

Simple greens

The basis to most holiday

"Layer your holiday décor slowly by incorporating artificial greens early into the season."

décor is fresh greens, flowers and, of course, a tree. Layer your holiday décor slowly by incorporating artificial greens

early into the season. Good looking artificial greens are a great investment as they last the entire holiday season without care.

Pottery Barn's pre-lit boxwood garland (runs on a battery), \$90, can be swaged over the door entrance or made into two fresh-looking wreaths. Keep the look simple; then add holiday ornaments closer to the holidays to create a more festive mood.



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A tall modern vase filled with red dogwood branches, shiny salal leaves or dried pine cones is a way to bring a touch of nature inside without overloading the house with festivities.

Holiday lights

Small, white twinkle lights are a great way to add sparkle and shine to a room and you don't have to only use them on a tree; try wrapping LED lights around large grapevine balls (purchased at craft stores) and fill an unused fireplace; string your lights around

a large foyer mirror.

Got some vintage coloured string lights? Fill a large crystal bowl with them and plug in for a vintage-inspired centre-piece.

Scent it up

Creating a subtle holiday environment is easy when you create scents of the season. Look for scents from nature like Crabtree & Evelyn's Windsor



Forest candle, \$30, which offers up the sweet smell of an English forest. If you have an artificial tree then the tree scent is a necessity.

Guest ready

Got a guest room?

Get it ready by freshening up bed and bath linens, add a mattress topper for some extra comfort and add a

tabletop Christmas tree for holiday ambience.

Speaking of having people over, it's time to stock your bar with the season's newest and best; try the new hazelnut flavoured Baileys — it's flavoured with natural aromatics and does not include traces of nuts.

Flavouring your own vodka is fun, too; add dried cranberries and lemon rind to plain vodka; seal and store in a dry, cool place for at least two weeks. Look to dollar stores for purchasing extra glassware for entertaining; glass is classy, plastic is not.



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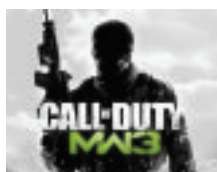
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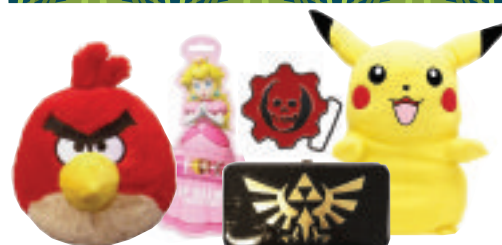
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A road trip through Canada appears to have sparked Eric Staal, who leads the Hurricanes (9-17-4) into Winnipeg (12-11-4) with four points in his last two games. Staal had an assist in Carolina's 5-3 win over Edmonton on Wednesday, one night after totalling three points in a 7-6 loss to Calgary. Tomas Kaberle had four assists in those games, raising his season total to nine. Joni Pitkanen (upper body) was injured against Calgary and is day-to-day.

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Angels make Albert's wallet a whole lot fatter

Exactly six weeks after winning the World Series in St. Louis, superstar first baseman agrees to \$254 million, 10-year deal to play in California

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► Albert Pujols celebrates winning the World Series in Game 7 over the Texas Rangers in St. Louis on Oct. 28.

Albert Pujols could have been a wealthy Cardinal for life, planning for the day his statue would be erected outside Busch Stadium next to those of Stan Musial, Bob Gibson and the other St. Louis greats.

Instead, after leading the Cardinals to a second title in a thrilling World Series, he chose to accept the second-highest deal in baseball history for a future with the Los Angeles Angels.

The three-time NL MVP agreed Thursday to a \$254 million US, 10-year contract with the Angels, jilting the fan base of one of the sport's traditional teams for a club with only one championship in its half-century.

Many top stars have changed teams mid-career, but this is perhaps the best

"This is a monumental day for Angel fans and I could not be more excited."

ANGELS OWNER ARTE MORENO, WHO BOUGHT THE TEAM FOR \$184 MILLION FROM THE WALT DISNEY CO. IN 2003.

player in the game over the past decade exiting shortly after one of the great post-season power shows.

Pujols' honours include the 2001 NL Rookie of the Year award, MVPs in 2005, 2008 and 2009, a batting title in 2003 and two Gold Gloves.

Now, he's going West.

As his deal fell into place at the winter meetings in Dallas, the Angels struck another big agreement, a

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The Cardinals selected Albert Pujols in the 13th round of the 1999 amateur draft with the 402nd overall pick.

\$77.5 million, five-year contract with left-hander C.J. Wilson, whose Texas Rangers lost to the Cardinals in the World Series.

"This is obviously the moment where we have thrown our hat in the ring," Angels manager Jerry Dipoto said.

Pujols could've been the rare modern star who stays with a team from first at-bat to final swing. Now some will call him a sellout.

Pujols rejected a multi-

year extension last off-season that was said to include a small percentage of the Cardinals franchise. St. Louis also offered a 10-year deal that chairman Bill DeWitt Jr. said was in excess of \$200 million.

"I would like our fans to know that we tried our best to make Albert a lifetime Cardinal," he said in a statement, adding later in a telephone interview: "They were substantially higher than our bid."

Pujols' contract is only the third to break the \$200 million barrier, following Alex Rodriguez's \$252 million, 10-year deal with Texas before the 2001 season and A-Rod's \$275 million, 10-year agreement with the Yankees in 2008.

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Yes Yu did: Darvish on way to MLB

Japanese pitcher Yu Darvish ended months of speculation Thursday by saying he intends to make a move to Major League Baseball.

The 25-year-old right-hander, considered the best pitcher in the Japanese professional leagues, wrote on his blog that he had decided to use the posting system, which allows MLB teams to bid for the negotiating rights to Japanese players who have yet to become free agents. Daisuke Matsuzaka and Ichiro Suzuki went to the major leagues under the system.

"I have decided to use the posting system," he said. "I wanted to tell my fans directly, so that is why I am posting this on my blog."

Darvish, the son of an Iranian father and a Japanese mother, went 18-6 with a 1.44 ERA this season for the Hokkaido Nippon Ham Fighters. His 276 strikeouts led the Pacific League.

"I owe a lot of thanks to my team," Darvish said, adding he would provide more details at a yet-to-be-scheduled news conference.

The six-foot-five Darvish has superb control and throws seven effective pitches, including a two-seam fastball introduced during the 2010 season.

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NBA shoots down deal to send Paul from Hornets to Lakers

The NBA, as owners of the New Orleans Hornets, won't trade all-star guard Chris Paul to the Los Angeles Lakers.

NBA spokesman Mike Bass says: "It's not true that the owners killed the deal, the deal was never discussed at the Board of Gov-

ernors meeting and the league office declined to make the trade for basketball reasons."

A person familiar with the trade told The Associated Press that the framework for a deal had been in place, but that Paul would report to Hornets

camp Friday.

Lakers forward Lamar Odom would have gone to New Orleans and fellow Los Angeles forward Pau Gasol to Houston, the third team in the trade, people told The Associated Press on Thursday. They spoke on the condition of anonymity

because the deal was not finalized.

Speaking earlier Thursday, Hornets president Hugh Weber said the franchise has been preparing for months for the possibility that Paul would resist signing an extension in New Orleans, a move that

would all but force a trade.

"We've been preparing for this moment for over a year and it's not like we were surprised or caught flat-footed," Weber said.

Paul, 26, averaged 15.8 points and 9.8 assists last season.

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‘A dream of mine for a very long time’

► Magloire expected to sign a deal with his hometown Raptors on Friday afternoon ► Would be oldest on team

It was never going to take Jamaal Magloire long to ingratiate himself with Raptors fans. He is a local product, an NBA veteran, and a well-spoken grownup with a level of gravitas in the community few Toronto basketball players have ever had.

But he hit the right chord at the end of his first scrum as a soon-to-be-Raptor, nailing what his presence might mean so well that fans won't be able to do anything but appreciate him even more.

"I am the hockey player of this team," Magloire said at the Air Canada Centre after working out Thursday morning. "I'm the one that's gritty, that will work hard, and that will do whatever it takes to get wins at the end of the day."



► Jamaal Magloire speaks to reporters on Thursday.

Magloire is expected to finalize a contract with the Raptors on Friday afternoon, as soon as the final vestiges of the NBA lock-out are blown away.

Terms of the deal aren't

public — the Raptors can't even confirm they have interest because the league prohibits team officials from uttering the name of free agents until Friday afternoon — but Magloire

will get at least one year guaranteed at the veteran's minimum of about \$1.5 million for a player with his experience, with perhaps option years after that.

The 33-year-old centre will become the first Canadian player to ever sign with the Raptors. More importantly, he will give the team an inside presence, at a minimal cost, which the Raptors desperately need as the building process continues.

"It's been a dream of mine for a very long time," he said of the opportunity to suit up with Toronto.

There are several layers to Magloire's role with a Raptors team that opens training camp with a Friday night practice at the Air Canada Centre.

He is the fourth big man on a roster that will need as much roster depth as it can find in a compressed 66-game regular season; he is the oldest

player on the roster and the one with the greatest amount of NBA experience; he has played in the NBA Finals and in all-star games, a history none of his teammates can match.

Over an 11-year career, Magloire has averaged 7.5 points and 6.6 rebounds per game. Last year he averaged 1.9 points and 3.4 rebounds.

Most important this year might be his mentoring.

"Absolutely," he said. "As it stands right now, I will be the oldest one and I look at myself as being a leader. Even with a veteran club I had last year in Miami, I was a leader. Between Juwan Howard and myself, we ran that locker room and it's going to be no different here."

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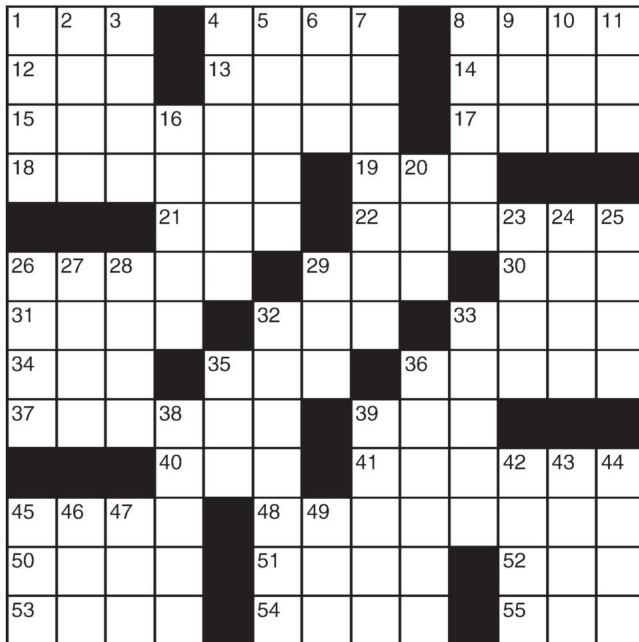
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1 Pickle holder
4 React in horror
8 Anything but that
12 Past
13 Concept
14 Stroll
15 Medium-sized dog
17 Without acting
18 To-do list
19 Every last crumb
21 Stimpy's cartoon pal
22 Lassie, e.g.
26 Pavarotti's range
29 A mere handful
30 Toss in
31 Nerve cell process
32 Carte lead-in
33 Turned blue?
34 Gas stat
35 Wall climber
36 Deep-voiced singer
37 "French" dog
39 Shriner's chapeau
40 "— the fields we go ..."

41 Anti-elderly prejudice
45 Satchmo's genre
48 Large terrier
50 Burn soother
51 Pesky insect
52 Silent
53 Night light?
54 Tackles' team-mates
55 Crony

Down
1 — Pinkett Smith
2 Quite enthusiastic
3 Judicial garb
4 Construction piece



5 Madison Avenue worker
6 Vast expanse
7 Cure-all
8 Dungaree, for one
9 Owned
10 Under the weather
11 Heavens
16 Company that went under in 2001
20 Depressed
23 Pringles competitor
24 Bad day for Caesar
25 Taro root
26 Pack (down)

27 World's fair
28 "Forget it"
29 Aviate
32 Mean
33 In a stupor
35 — de-France
36 Sires
38 Doughnut shop purchase
39 Capacitance measure
42 Poetic foot
43 Insult
44 Note to self
45 Van Eyck or Vermeer

46 Milwaukee product
47 Menagerie
49 Hostel

► Yesterday's answer



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Yesterday's answer ►



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Today's horoscope

♈ Aries March 21-April 20 Travel will be a lot of fun today but if you overdo it, tomorrow's lunar eclipse will bring you back to earth!

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21 Inner changes are making you rather touchy at the moment but, as always, the moment will pass.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 You're in an assertive and adventurous mood, but some people may see you as too domineering.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 The approaching eclipse has got you in a bit of a tizzy. You may have to lie down for a bit to get your balance!

♌ Leo July 23-Aug. 23 You will be enthusiastic about something you discover today but don't get carried away and preach to people.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24-Sept. 22 You may lose patience with someone you work with today, but they are not being obstructive for fun.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 You're in one of those moods when you'll do anything for anyone. If not careful, you'll be taken advantage of.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 A financial opportunity will intrigue you, but is it the kind of thing you want to get involved in long-term?

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 You may fall heavily for someone today, but don't get carried away because this is a passing fancy.

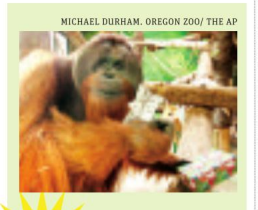
♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 Certain duties may be tiresome but if you tackle them now, then your time will be your own.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 The approaching eclipse will bring more tension into your life but you have what it takes to handle it.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20. Family squabbles of one kind or another are likely over the next two or three days. SALLY BROMPTON

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